

HOUSE RESOLUTION 130
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Paul Harold Holmes of Murfreesboro.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Paul Holmes; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes was an exemplary educator and consummate family man who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, after graduating from Bethel Springs High School, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from Bethel College, his Master of Arts degree from Memphis State University, and his Educational Specialist degree from Peabody College; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes served with acumen and alacrity as teacher, principal, coach, and administrator for many years, and he was widely known for his intelligence and his ability to reach his students; he was a teacher and coach at Greenfield High School, Medina High School, Obion Central High School, and was principal and coach at Sardis High School, Lavinia Elementary, and Riverside High School; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the State Department of Education, Mr. Holmes was a teacher, coach, and principal at Middle Tennessee Christian School; he was also legendary as

a coach, as he won the Region 7 Girls Basketball Championship in 1954 at Medina High School; and

WHEREAS, a great patriot and servant of this country, Mr. Holmes served in the United States Army in World War II and again in Korea; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes was an active and devout member of the North Boulevard Church of Christ, which he served faithfully for many years as an Elder and Deacon; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Carolyn Smith Holmes, and was the proud father of Jeff Holmes, and his wife Rhonda, and John Holmes; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes will also be sorely missed by his siblings, James Holmes, Donald Earl Holmes, Tony Holmes, Jack Holmes, Mack Holmes, Inez Etheridge, Janice Crouse, Mozelle Crouse, Wanna Faye Crouse, and Darlene Herring, and his three grandchildren, Hulon, Leah, and Brice Holmes; and

WHEREAS, Paul's sister, Bonnie Hudson, preceded him in death; and

WHEREAS, Paul Holmes leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional educator and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor the memory of Paul Harold Holmes, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his commitment to forthright Christian living and the education of Tennessee's young people.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Paul Holmes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.